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SUBJECT: GOG RESTRICTIONS ON U.S. MILITARY AIRCRAFT
OPERATIONS

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1. WE BELIEVE STATEMENT SHOULD BE MODIFIED AS FOLLOWS:
QUOTE BECAUSE OF THE CYPRUS CRISIS AND GREECE'S OWN SECURITY
NEEDS, GREECE HAS PLACED CERTAIN RESTRICTIONS ON THE USE
OF GREEK FACILITIES BY U.S. MILITARY AIRCRAFT AS WELL AS
BY COMMERCIAL AIRCRAFT. WE HOPE THESE RESTRICTIONS WILL
BE TEMPORARY. IN ANY CASE, ALTHOUGH THE FLEXIBILITY OF OUR
FLIGHT OPERATIONS HAS BEEN REDUCED, ESSENTIAL ACTIVITIES
ARE CONTINUING. END QUOTE

2. MODIFIED STATEMENT WOULD BY INCLUDING REFERENCE TO
COMMERCIAL FLIGHTS PUT MATTER IN SOMEWHAT BROADER CONTEXT.
REWRITTEN LAST SENTENCE WOULD CORRESPOND WITH REALITY OF
SITUATION AND, IF REPLAYED IN GREECE, WOULD SEEM A REASONABLE
STATEMENT OF SITUATION TO GOG. IT DOES NOT SEEM IN OUR
INTEREST LOCALLY TO DENY IMPACT OF RESTRICTIONS, SINCE THEY
IMPOSED IN PART FOR THAT PURPOSE.

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